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[illegible] in Senate yesterday received vote of confidence [illegible] 61 no, 1 abstention. Pholien treated Socialists [illegible] unusually conciliatory manner. After voting temporary [illegible] Senate adjourned until October 10.

[illegible] in Chamber Kronaker interpolation (EMBTEL 212 of [illegible] 6, was renewed. Socialist Pierard praised Spaak's [illegible] (EMBTEL 264, August 18) regarding defense and [illegible] Affairs. "Parent" preferred Brussels' and Atlantic [illegible] permit defense with co-signatories against any [illegible]. Still essential question posed by Kronaker is [illegible] action of country in case of extension Korean con- [illegible].

[illegible] and lauding Belgium transport plane and suggested [illegible] angle Korean affair be examined. Expressed deep [illegible] Belgium's aide Korea and asked, "why did our [illegible] friends cease to occupy Korea before conflict?" [illegible] debt of gratitude Belgium owes US. Alluded [illegible] press reports describing "abominable state which [illegible] in South Korea, police regime and famines" and re- [illegible] it was evil necessary to defend this. After again [illegible] to Belgium's debt of US he said Belgium should not be drawn by fatalism into situation extraordinary [illegible]. It was dream to attempt to neutralize Europe [illegible] third force. For this reason, question of German [illegible]. It would be hard to become allies of [illegible]. He called Russian strength danger of peace but [illegible] it was too late to come to understanding with [illegible]. He requested for Ministry to take lead in diplo- [illegible] action to prevent catastrophe.

[illegible] interruption of other speakers, including Communist [illegible] asked what Jonkr. Van Zeeland replied for govern- [illegible] making following points:

[illegible] has taken decision to mobilize nation but deemed [illegible] details inopportune. Government is disposed to [illegible] subject in Committee's for Affairs and Defense or in next committee.

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[illegible] committee. Government would remain in contact with leaders opposition parties in order solutions may be reached based on large majority as policy aimed toward defense of peace. Universal peace could only be accomplished by defense effort of nations loyal to western civilization. Since one side had raised armaments to level never before attained, other side obliged adopt policy rearmament. Lesson of Korea is that era of aggressions is not over and at beginning aggression still pays. Today only chance of saving peace is to re-establish equilibrium. Our duty is to make great effort in framework of UN Brussels' and Atlantic Pacts. Government will soon as possible present to Parliament precise means and concrete methods by which government intends respect its engagements.

[illegible] leftist Socialist Madame Blume asked Van Zeeland if it was intended to send troops Korea. Van Zeeland replied, "the government has not had time deliberate on question and I cannot commit it to any program, but I cannot exclude anything within framework of our commitments especially should these commitments be respected by all participants."

Chamber voted temporary credits and adjourned until [illegible].

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